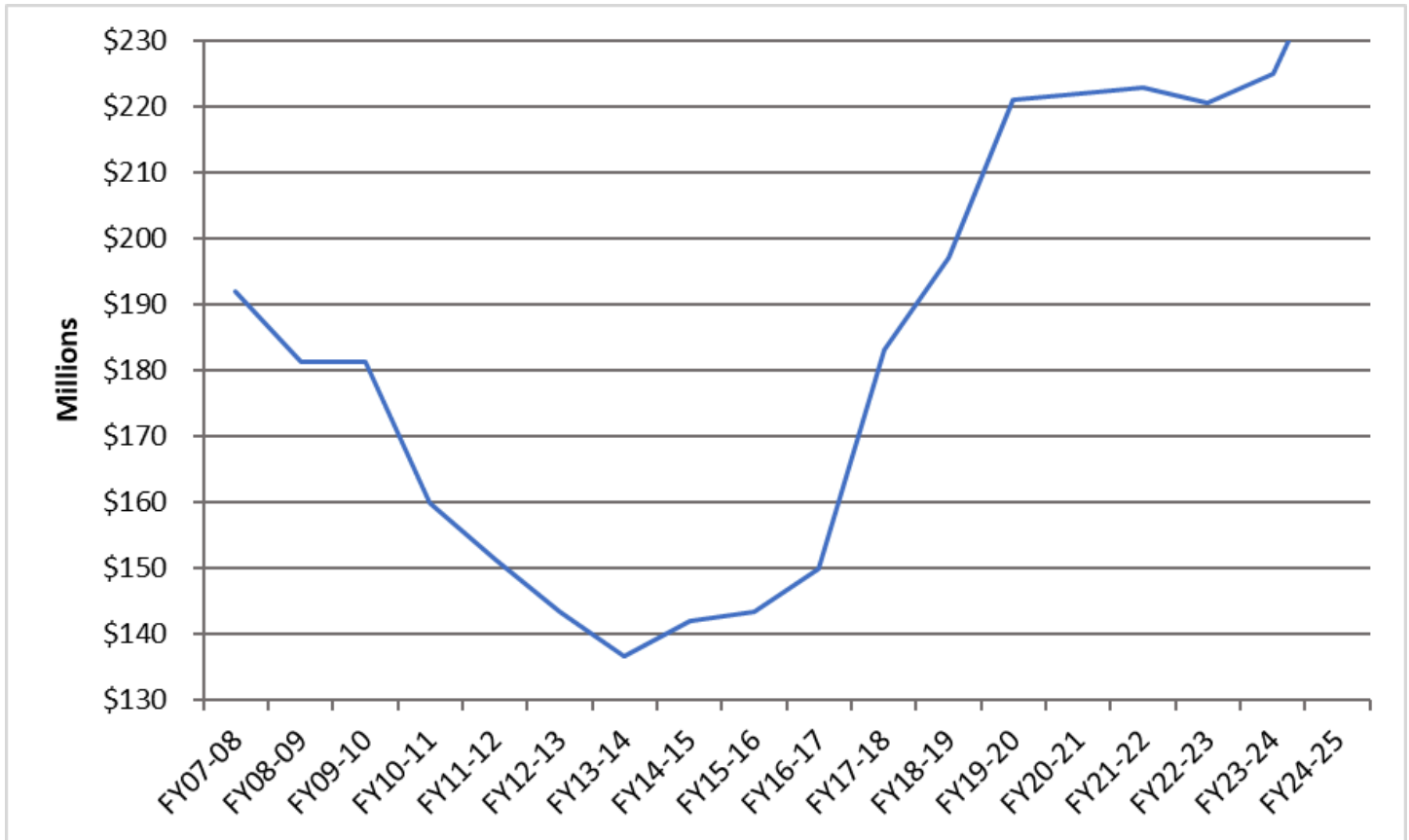


FUNDING FOR EXPANDED LEARNING

May 2024



State Funding

Learning Enrichment After-school Supports (LEAPS)

- Available to nonprofit organizations working in “high-needs school districts” with at least 50% of the student population identified as “economically disadvantaged.”
- \$103 million in the FY2024-25 state budget as the consolidation between Advantage After School and Empire State After-School programs.
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Empire State After-School:

- Re-appropriation of \$33M for final program year in FY2024-25 state budget
- Eligible school districts and community based organizations including Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative areas, school districts and counties with a child poverty rate over 30% or poverty count between 5,000 and 20,000, and communities experiencing high student homelessness or are at risk as determined by OCFS, DCJS, NY State Police, County Executives, or local law enforcement.
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Advantage After School:

- Afterschool programs with priority target of “disconnected/high-need” youth
- Re-appropriation of \$33M for final program year in FY2024-25 state budget; Grants are for five years
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Extended School Day/ School Violence Prevention (ESD/SVP):

- Provide support to students through extended school-day and/or school violence prevention programs
- \$24.3 million maintained in FY24-25; peak funding of \$30.2 million in FY07-08

- Provides grants at a rate of \$1,600 per student.
- Grants are for three years with the possibility of two one-year extensions
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Youth Development Program (YDP):

- Support for providers offering positive youth development programs
- \$15.6 million maintained in FY24-25; peak funding of \$37.1 million in FY08-09
- Distributed by county-based formula
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services
- Funds are distributed through county Youth Bureaus; in New York City they are part of the Department of Youth and Community Development's COMPASS/SONYC program

QUALITYstarsNY:

- \$5 million in state funding in FY24-25..
- QUALITYstarsNY is New York's quality rating and improvement system for early childhood care.

Community Schools Aid

- \$250 million in Community Schools Aid provided in FY24-25, same as FY23-24
- Funding allocated by formula to school districts with schools identified as "struggling" and "persistently struggling", as well as school districts identified as "high-need".
- Maintains the minimum amount of funding a school district receives at \$100,000
- Aid to support the transformation of school buildings into community hubs to deliver co-located or school-linked services to students and families. This includes providing an on-site coordinator to establish resources.
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers

- \$1.2 million maintained for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools
- Funding to support 3 regional technical assistance centers to school districts operating a community school

Community Schools Mental Health

- \$250,000 for grants to school districts to allow community schools to expand mental health services

Extended Learning Time

- \$21.6 million to continue extended learning time grants to school districts or school districts in collaboration with community-based organizations.
- Maintains funding from FY23-24

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP):

- Program employs youth ages 14 to 24 during the summer months, supporting their transition to the workforce
- Many participants serve as aides to summer programs for younger children, allowing programs to serve more children
- \$55 million provided in FY24-25, this is a \$8 million increase over the FY23-24 funding level

Runaway and Homeless Youth:

- FY24-25 budget includes \$8,484,000, this is an increase of \$700,000 over the FY23-24 enacted budget
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Sexually Exploited Children and Youth:

- FY24-25 funded at \$1 million, this is level funded with the FY23-24 enacted budget.
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services

Youth Employment Program:

- Program employs youth between the ages of fourteen and twenty in a program that operates in localities that receive project GIVE funding.
- FY24-25 enacted budget includes \$38.8 million in funding, this is an increase of \$20.8 over the FY23-24 budget.
- Administered by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Youth Sports Activities and Education Program

- Program provides funding to Youth Bureaus to provide grants to nonprofits that provide team sports programming to underserved youth under the age of eighteen.

- FY24-25 enacted budget increased funding by \$4.4 million over FY23-24 for a total of \$10 million.
- Administered by the Office of Children and Family Services.

Local Funding

- Cities and counties often choose to fund expanded learning opportunities through discretionary spending, generally through local Youth Bureaus
- New York City invests approximately \$411 million in the COMPASS, including SONYC, and Beacon initiatives.

Federal Funding:

21st Century Community Learning Centers:

- Programs offer academic enrichment and youth development, particularly for youth at low-performing or high poverty schools, through school-community partnerships
- \$102.7 million in FFY24 Budget and reflects an increase of \$5.6 million in FFY23; FFY24 is the peak funding amount since FFY09-10 at \$100.5 million. The New York State Education Department sets aside up to 7% for administration and technical assistance to grantees.
- Grants are for five years
- Administered by the New York State Education Department

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): The At-Risk Afterschool Snack and Supper Program:

- Nutrition assistance for afterschool programs to provide free snacks and suppers to youth
- Funding maintained from FY23-24 at \$250,000
- This funding is allocated for the competitive grant to nonprofits to increase participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program among afterschool and early care providers.
- As of July 1, 2020, the program reimbursed 96 cents per snack and \$3.51 per supper.
- Any program located in a school district where 50% or more of enrolled students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals are eligible to receive funding

Summer Food Services Program (SFSP):

- Provides free, nutritious meals to children eighteen and under in low-income neighborhoods during the months when school is not in session
- Eligible locations must either be in areas where more than 50% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or, if in a different area, the site must only provide free meals to students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch

Child Care Subsidies:

- Federal, state, and local support for low-income families that may be used to pay for care for children from birth up to age twelve
- Approximately 45 percent of subsidies goes to school-age children (including all modalities of child care) as of September 2022.
- FY2024-25 maintained the previous year's limit of family co-pays to no more than 1% of income over the federal poverty level and the child care subsidy eligibility of 85% of state median income.

School District Grants:

- Certain federal funding for school districts, such as Title I and School Improvement Grants (SIG), can be used for expanded learning opportunities at the discretion of the school district